

House Resolution No. 2803

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, Ms. Gay Gearhart, of the Independence School District and resident of Lee's Summit, has attained considerable distinction as an Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood teacher; and

Whereas, on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, Gay Gearhart will enhance an already impressive record of achievements when she is publicly recognized in the state capital by the Missouri NBPTS Network for National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, National Board Certification is a lengthy, rigorous assessment that can take up to three years to complete and which results in a less than forty percent success rate for first-time applicants; and

Whereas, to attain National Board Certification, Gay Gearhart presented evidence of teaching effectiveness, including classroom video segments and analysis of teacher decisions and student work; examples of teaching practices that result in an accompanying increase in student learning; models of meaningful interaction with parents to impact student learning; documents supporting such appropriate teaching strategies as large and small group learning, use of effective questioning techniques, choice of materials that engage students, checking for understanding throughout the lesson and making adjustments, and properly evaluating student work for understanding to determine what and how to re-teach; and timed assessments to prove superior levels of content knowledge; and

Whereas, part of the evaluative process which Gay Gearhart underwent to earn National Board Certification included appraisal by a jury of qualified experts in states other than Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the educational accomplishments garnered by teacher Gay Gearhart down through the years and to convey this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon the completion of rigorous National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and our best wishes for continued success; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Gay Gearhart.

Offered by _____
Representative Jeff Grisamore
District No. 47

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2803, adopted April 30, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker